

Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have Government Committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (See page 790 of the Legislative Journal, First Session.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Baack on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, the committee amendment is one that is purely technical in nature is that in the bill what...Senator Withem will explain the bill in a little bit, but what the amendment does is it just sets forth a specific time that an individual must cease doing...an individual who has been appointed to the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission, this sets a specific time when they must cease any activities that they have that may be regulated by the commission, such as lobbying or something, before they can take the office. And in the original bill, there were three points in time that were mentioned that they had to withdraw from these activities. The committee amendments says that there is a time specific when they have to do it and that time is before they take the oath of office in the new office that they are going to hold, and it just clarifies the language. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments offered and explained by Senator Baack? Senator Abboud. Senator Hall. Senator Chizek, on the committee amendments. Anyone care to discuss the committee amendments? If not, anything further, Senator Baack? Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 534. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 534, have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. To the bill as amended, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Papillion, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and esteemed co-sponsor of LB 534. I want to make sure that is in the record so you get your credit, also, for this important piece of legislation. Most of what LB 534 does is it makes technical sorts of clarifications in the accountability and disclosure statutes.